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1. CONCERNING VIEWS OF DESHPANDE AND INDIANS ON
RESPONSIBILITY OF SUBCOMMISSION FOR JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS
AS REPORTED REF A, WE ARE UNCERTAIN WHETHER WE ARE DEALING
WITH SEMANTICS OR MORE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE. BASIC
RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS AND
ACTIVITIES RESTS, IN OUR VIEW, WITH TECHNICAL AGENCIES
AND MINISTRIES WHETHER UNDER PRIORITY AREAS CONSIDERED BY
SUBCOMMISSION OR OTHERWISE. SUBCOMMISSION SHOULD NOT BE
DRAWN INTO DETAILED PROJECT BY PROJECT MATTERS BUT RATHER
BE CONCERNED WITH PROGRAMS IN BROADER SENSE AND POLICIES.

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EACH SIDE NEEDS TO HAVE ITS OWN OFFICIAL CLEARANCE AND

APPROVAL MECHANISMS FOR PROJECTS SUITABLE TO THE LEGAL AND FISCAL REQUIREMENTS OF EACH GOVERNMENT AND THESE ARE NOT FUNCTIONS OF THE SUBCOMMISSION. IT IS HOWEVER A CONCERN OF THE SUBCOMMISSION TO GIVE GUIDANCE TO THE OVERALL COOPERATION AND PROGRAMS, AND TO ASSURE TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE THAT OFFICIAL PROCEDURES OF BOTH SIDES MESH. WE WOULD NOT EXPECT THAT COOPERATIVE PROJECTS INITIATED PRIOR TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT COMMISSION AND STILL ON-GOING NEED BE OF ANY PARTICULAR CONCERN OF SUBCOMMISSION EXCEPT AS THEY MAY PRESENT ANY MAJOR POLICY PROBLEMS WITH RESPECT TO OR AFFECTING OVERALL SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS SUBJECT THAT MAY BE BEST RESOLVED IN FACE TO FACE DISCUSSIONS AT SUBCOMMISSION MEETING RATHER THAN ATTEMPT COMPLETE RESOLUTION PRIOR TO MEETING. SUGGEST EMBASSY BROACH MATTER WITH DESHPANDE INDICATING THIS IS SOMETHING WE THINK IS APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION AT MEETING. WE OF COURSE WELCOME FURTHER VIEWS BEFORE MEETING THAT CAN BRING ANY DIFFERENCES CLOSER TOGETHER IN ORDER THAT DISCUSSION CAN BE FRUITFUL.

2. WE WISH TO KNOW WHAT INDIANS MAY HAVE IN MIND REGARDING FINANCIAL/FISCAL DISCUSSIONS. DO THEY INTEND PROPOSING SOME SPECIFIC FORMULA WITH RESPECT TO PRIORITY PROGRAMS VERSUS OTHERS AS WAS MENTIONED WHILE BACK(REF NEW DELHI 14216) AND DISTINCTION BETWEEN THEIR PROPOSALS AND OURS? WE VIEW PROPOSALS FROM WHATEVER SIDE WHICH REACH JOINT AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION AS "JOINT". WHATEVER SOURCE OR MIX OF SUPPORT TO CARRY OUT THE PROPOSAL IS APPROPRIATE. WE BELIEVE SUCH FLEXIBILITY IS DESIRABLE TO KEEP THE PROGRAM FROM BOGGING DOWN. NATURALLY WE WOULD HOPE FOR MAXIMUM INDIAN FINANCIAL SUPPORT BUT NOT ON FIXED FORMULA BASIS. WE SEE VERY LITTLE IN WAY OF DOLLARS HOWEVER THAT CAN BE AVAILABLE.

3. RE SCHEDULE AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED REF B. U.S. COCHAIRMAN GANLEY WISHES DEPART DELHI, THURSDAY EVENING JAN. 29 FOR FLIGHT CONNECTION IN BOMBAY, THUS HOPES DINNER SCHEDULED THAT EVENING NOT ESSENTIAL. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION THAT GIFTS NOT BE EXCHANGED. WE DO NOT WANT TV COVERAGE AND WOULD LIKE DEALINGS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESS LIMITED, AS HAS BEEN PAST PRACTICE AT SUBCOMMISSION MEETINGS, TO A LOW-KEY BRIEFING AT CONCLUSION OF SESSION BY THE COCHAIRMEN.

4. WE WOULD LIKE SCHEDULE ADJUSTED SUCH THAT FINAL PLENARY WOULD BE THURSDAY MORNING. THIS WOULD ALLOW TIME FOR GANLEY TO HAVE INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WITH KEY OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN PROJECT APPROVAL PROCESS, SUCH AS MINISTRY

OF FINANCE, AND/OR OTHERS EMBASSY WOULD SUGGEST AND
BE ABLE TO ARRANGE.

5. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP AS TO FINAL AGENDA AND SCHEDULE FOR
MEETING.

6. FYI. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED 13 INDIAN PROPOSALS FROM
INDIAN EMBASSY. IT APPEARS WE WILL STAND PRETTY WELL
ON AGRICULTURE, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, AND SCIENCE
INFO, BUT STILL UNCERTAIN ENERGY/NATURAL RESOURCES AND
ELECTRONICS. WILL GIVE FURTHER RUNDOWN AFTER PROPOSALS
ARE FURTHER REVIEWED. KISSINGER

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